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FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS IN REFTEL:

1. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. 10 PERCENT- YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

20 PERCENT- YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS

30 PERCENT- YOUNG BUREAUCRATS

10 PERCENT- MEDIA

5 PERCENT- CHURCH

10 PERCENT- EDUCATION (YOUNG FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION)

15 PERCENT- UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

TOTAL 1 00 PERCENT

B. RELATIVELY HEAVY IMPORTANCE PLACED ON YOUNG BUREAUCRATS BECAUSE THIS GROUP INFLUENTIAL ON QUESTIONS OF POLICY INTEREST TO US (E. G . FOREIGN POLICY, TRADE, DEVELOPMENT). IN ADDITION, MOST OF THEM LIKELY TO REMAIN IN JOBS EVEN IF CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT OCCURS. YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS ARE IMPORTANT TARGET GROUP BECAUSE OF NATIONAL GUARD' S ROLE AS ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO KAYIBANDA REGIME OR ANY SUCCESSOR. FOR ANY DISSIDENT OR OPPOSITION GROUP TO ACHIEVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO THREATEN PRESENT GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD NEED
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COOPERATION FROM MILITARY OFFICER CORPS. YOUNG
POLITICAL LEADERS ARE RELATIVELY LESS INFLUENTIAL
AND EDUCATED THAN YOUNG BUREAUCRATS AND MILITARY
OFFICERS.

C. EMBASSY EXPECTS YOUNG BUREAUCRATS AND MILITARY
OFFICERS TO HAVE STRONGEST IMPACT ON US INTERESTS
IN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS. IT APPEARS THESE
GROUPS HAVE GENERALLY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS
US BUT SOME HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT "CAPITALISM"
AS ROAD TO DEVELOPMENT AND OTHERS BELIEVE US SHOULD
BE DOING MUCH MORE TO EQUIP COUNTRY AND HELP IT
IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM
HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE KAYIBANDA GOVERNMENT,
COULD PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN RWANDAN POLITICAL
LIFE IN NEXT FEW YEARS. THEIR IMPACT ON US
INTERESTS HARD TO MEASURE SINCE THEIR MAIN CONCERNS
AT PRESENT APPEAR TO BE WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. 20 PERCENT- ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP
20 PERCENT-- DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH
LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND POTENTIAL FUTURE
LEADERS.

15 PERCENT- CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES
TOWARD US

15 PERCENT - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS
AND POLICIES

10 PERCENT- FOSTER A CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

10 PERCENT - COUNTER ACTIVITIES OF FORCES HOSTILE
TO US INTERESTS

10 PERCENT- THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH
CONTACTS, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPENT POLITICAL
AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE SOCIETY.

TOTAL 100 PERCENT

B. OUR MAIN YOUTH EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD
KNOWING POTENTIAL LEADERS. THIS EFFORT OF COURSE
INSEPARABLE FROM TRYING TO CREATE FAVORABLE ATTITUDES
TOWARDS US AND ITS POLICIES. POLITICALLY STABLE
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AND RESPONSIBLE RWANDA CAN EMERGE ONLY IN CLIMATE
CONDUCTIVE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

III RESOURCES

A. 20 PERCENT- FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS
20 PERCENT- EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS

20 PERCENT- AID TRAINING PROGRAM
20 PERCENT- MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS
20 PERCENT- USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL
PROGRAMING (OTHER THAN EXCHANGES)
TOTAL 100 PERCENT
JA) IMPROVEMENTS: EMBASSY' S CURRENT CU ALLOCATION
(\$20,000 FOR FY 1973) BARELY ADEQUATE FOR POLITICAL AND
EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. WE BELIEVE MODERATE
INCREASES IN FUTURE COULD BE PUT TO GOOD USE. AN
AREA OF POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
WOULD BE MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY
IN CIVIC ACTION AND TECHNICAL FIELDS, WHICH

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UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT NOW EXIST FOR RWANDA. IN
VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD THAT YOUNG RWANDAN OFFICERS
WILL PLAY IMPORTANT FUTURE POLITICAL ROLE, WITH
RESULTANT IMPACT ON US INTERESTS, EMBASSY STRONGLY
RECOMMENDS MODEST PROGRAM FOR TRAINING MILITARY
OFFICERS. GOR HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED ITS STRONG
INTEREST IN SUCH PROGRAM AND WE BELEIVE IT HIGHLY
DESIRABLE TO TRY AND MEET LIMITED RWANDAN REQUESTS
IN THIS AREA. EMBASSY FURTHER RECOMMENDS MODEST
(ABOUT \$2000) BUDGET FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING
PROGRAM IN KIGALI. THIS COULD HAVE FAR- REACHING
EFFECTS BOTH IN TERMS OF PRO- US INFLUENCE AND IN
PROMOTING RWANDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

B. PRIVATE RESOURCES: EMBASSY IS EXPLORING POSSIBLE ROLES FOR US UNIVERSITIES AND FOUNDATIONS IN RWANDA. HIGHEST PRIORITY WOULD BE ENGLISH- LANGUAGE TEACHING AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

C. PEACE CORPS. DISCUSSIONS ARE TAKING PLACE WITH GOR RE POSSIBILITY BRINGING SMALL NUMBER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO RWANDA FOR ENGLISH
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TEACHING AS WELL AS FORESTRY, FISHERIES, AND SOILS TESTING PROJECTS.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF " YOUTH"

A. EMBASSY ATTACHES " HIGH" WEIGHT TO ITS EFFORTS

WITH YOUTH AND POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS.
B. WHILE IN A COUNTRY WITH LEADERS AS YOUNG AS RWANDA'S IT IS DIFFICULT TO DRAW SHARP LINE BETWEEN PRESENT AND FUTURE LEADERSHIP, WE ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY TO CONTACTS AT LEVELS BELOW VERY TOP CRUST. MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE MAY HAVE IMPORTANT VOICES IN RWANDAN POLICY- MAKING WITHIN FEW YEARS. IN DOING THIS, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT NEGLECT NECESSARY TASK OF MAINTAINING CONTACT AND INFLUENCE WITH THOSE PRESENTLY IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

C. 1. PERSONNEL TIME (A): APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL PERSONNEL TIME SHOULD BE USED FOR YOUTH WORK BY EMBASSY' S THREE SUBSTANTIVE OFFICERS (AMBASSADOR, DCM AND POLITICAL OFFICER). THIS WORKS OUT TO ABOUT 14.5 MAN MONTHS PER YEAR.

(B) CONTACT WORK-70 PERCENT

REPORTING-30 PERCENT

TOTAL-100 PERCENT

(C) STATE-100 PERCENT (THERE ARE NO RPT NO OTHER AGENCY PERSONNEL AT POST).

2. 40 PERCENT OF CU BUDGET

40 PERCENT OF USIA BUDGET

40 PERCENT OF AID BUDGET(FOR TRAINING AND SELF- HELP ACTIVITIES).

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